

Conference of the States. It's not easy. It is important. But for those who say that this is being "snuck" through and that, gee, we should have had more hearings and I didn't know about this, that's nonsense. This debate has been one of the longer debates on a resolution, Senator Chambers, I'll bet there's been in years. There's not been people who have tried to suspend the rules to stop debate. There hasn't been people selectively trying to call the question. It's been allowed to occur for a reason and that reason is that The Conference of the States is dealing with structure. Is there going to be constitutional amendments debated? Sure. Are there going to be stupid constitutional amendments debated at The Conference of the States? Absolutely, just as there were some silly amendments today, just as I've probably had silly amendments in the past on other pieces of legislation. That's what Legislatures are for. When you're going to have a conference of legislatures, of course, that may occur. We're going to send six representatives from this Legislature. Who they are, I don't know. There is protections. This bill has been changed at least four or five different ways to accommodate and individually do things for members of this Legislature. And I think you ought to feel some comfort in that. One of them certainly is that, particularly in some of the rules, they're going to go back to the Executive Board for the review and ratification of those things and the way that we participate in this. I daresay there are few other states that has that sort of control over what their delegation is doing. We're going to meet next year in 1996. Does this Legislature have the opportunity in 1996? If we don't like what went on in 1995, do they have the ability to bring in a resolution and do away with this? Absolutely. You've got that power for next year as well. But if you're satisfied with the way Congress and the states get along right now, and you're happy with that relationship, I would probably vote against this. If you're willing to look at this and have some dialogue and some discourse about how we should change how Congress and the states get along, I think you ought to jump up and down and say, hurray, this is more than just flapping our gums, at least we're going to meet in some organized manner to discuss this. Does it have the legal impact of a constitutional convention? No. Is this about a Governor saving face nationally? No. If it gets defeated, life goes on, doesn't it? Sure it does. This has nothing to do with those personalities and for those that choose to use that as an opportunity, I'm sorry. What this has to do with is what's your relationship and what does this Legislature want to do with its relationship with Congress.